

- 9am-Introductions
 - John Randle not present, Matt Elsner not present.
 - Western, USU, CSU not present
 - Every other team represented.
 - Colorado- Dave Leach, John Galvin
 - NAU- James Shaeffer, David LaRoach, Troy Elliott, Brett Achilles
 - School of Mines- Ryan Marsters, Dan Staton, Mike Stone
 - Metro- Devon Minshall, Trevor Minshall
 - Westminster- Dave Long, Mason Goodhand
 - BYU- Jason Lamb
 - Wyoming- Jesse Clement, Justin Williams
 - Montana St- Ben Sudduth
 - UNC- Dave Wakefield
 - UVSC- David Lehrke
 - Fort Lewis- John Robinette
 - Regis, Utah: Present (Late comers)
- 9:10 All-Conference Teams announced
 - Need better coach participation, but overall a good year
 - Future suggestions
 - Push back voting to after playoffs
 - Ballots just on your division
 - All-conference teams plus all-tournament team
 - Nationals does an all-tournament team, so if RMLC can figure it out, it could be a bonus.
 - Executive council will discuss over break between spring and fall
- 9:22 Anton Shulski- Referees
 - Great sportsmanship this year- best ever
 - Coach evaluations on arbiter are REQUIRED- it's part of your responsibilities
 - Used to award top officials for playoffs
 - May have a presentation on arbiter use in the fall
 - In the process of moving good officials up and bad officials out- your participation will expedite it.
 - Your evaluations may not impact THIS season, but will help push out the bad apples as new referees come along.
 - Three referees who will represent the RMLC at nationals: Alex Grosse, Buzz Elsworth, David Monny, plus five others helping with consolation games.
 - All have refereed at national level before.
 - Thank you to Anton
- 9:32 Dave Leach-website/media
 - Major events are always posted- need more substance from teams though
 - Suggestion: Put out an ad at your institution for interns/business students to write up game reports or advertisements.
 - RMLC website NEEDS more content

- Suggestion: Hire writers to go see a couple of games and write reports- same process that collegelax.us went through.
 - Objective more to drive viewers to team sites as opposed to RMLC site.
 - Big magazines are looking for content from us too, so the loop continues farther than you know.
 - DI and DII final games will be live on an internet radio station- listeners worldwide
 - Not advertised as well this year- just getting started
 - Still working towards merchandise- harrow and boathouse websites are great starts
 - Unique assets:
 - Blogging still available on rmlax.com
 - Player profiles need comeback- participation yet again.
 - Maybe videos, pictures, etc.
 - Coach profiles
 - Monthly updates from every team- anything from game reports to injured players, to personal matters affecting the team
 - Big thanks to Dave Leach
- 9:42 Probationary Teams
 - Western State- needs to appeal, but they're not present
 - Since they are already on probation, we just lost a team, though it IS appealable
 - Utah State- good standing, but not present- can appeal in fall
 - CSU- good standing, but not present- can appeal in fall- "wasn't told we had a meeting this year"- Is posted everywhere online and on this weekend's schedule.
 - Probation= no playoffs, no all-conference
 - Regis- cancelled the day before game in Bozeman, MT- no weather excuse- just not enough people available to play. On the record: "Happening in the RMLC is despicable."
 - Have plenty of teams that are following the rules, but suggesting harsher probation
 - Montana wants Regis's situation on the record and to be considered
 - Wyoming traveled with 9 players this season as well.
 - Regis did not have imminent testing/finals/weather- confirmed with Regis club sports director
 - Not honoring commitment is automatic probation in 99% of cases
 - Regis-Stivey Pierpont- missed Montana State game
 - Wants to take full responsibility plus any financial issues
 - Didn't have enough players- unnecessary/unbeneficial for both teams
 - Two weeks before season, coach resigned- therefore, without a coach, their team was not allowed to practice
 - Mike Ren- New coach- was assistant coach on Metro last year

- 100% next year
 - Summer leagues
 - Building year next year
- Suspension would take the program to:
 - Poor moral, fewer players, need playoffs as a goal
 - Has a new staff and new coach
- John Robinette: This body's intension is not to kick people out, but we want to uphold the highest standards.
- Regis IS on probation right now. May appeal in the fall.
 - Suggestion: Regis must travel to Montana two years in a row.
- 10:00- Wyoming had to forfeit with 9 players this season as well
 - By rule, a forfeit means probation as well.
- 10:02-Eligibility process
 - Good work on the first round, all around
 - Second check for playoffs- not as good-
 - Reminder: beginning of the year- roster, mcla, your school registrar, copies go here..., original goes here.... 17 days before first game.
 - Suggestion- turn in second round BEFORE playoffs- That IS the rule, by 7-14 days!!!
 - Executive board will send out reminder emails or phone calls next year- same process as before: just more reminders
- 10:07- Schools that pull teams
 - Moneys paid are non-refundable- fees (including dues and referees)
 - Teams that were coming to Colorado- North Dakota State and Creighton came and used UNC as replacement
 - Suggestion- if team gets season pulled by non-mcla reason, team must pay in the future.
 - Motion: Any fees collected by the RMLC is non-refundable- 1BYU, 2Utah- Unanimously approved- all funds paid to the RMLC are non-refundable
 - RMLC is non-profit- 15% tax on all profits at end of the year, so we will refund.
 - Looking for intermediate step between probation and not probation
 - Here to use good judgement
 - Need to wait on what MCLA decides on other situations
 - Red shirt- four games or less
 - Eligibility requirements must be researched too
- 10:20- Playoffs in 2010
 - Suggestion for MANDATORY requirements of host team- bare bones minimum
 - Tents, locker rooms, bleachers, benches, scoreboards, tickets, pa, publicity, radio, security, announcing of all-conference teams, etc.- what is the list?

- Need to decide locations in fall meeting for places that were PREVIOUSLY submitted
 - Committee should be formed to ultimately make the list for proposing teams and those teams will have to submit their proposals by X date.
 - Cost, cost, cost- need to think about cost per team and host costs (including turf fields for bad weather)
 - Tournament cost is about \$4,000 to host- just saying that since it's our money, we need to make a checklist
 - NOTE: outside of a university setting, \$4,000 is nowhere near enough money simply for field rental
- 10:32- Conference alignment suggestion
 - Executive committee can decide alignment before fall meeting every year if needs changing- DI, DII, East vs. West, etc.
 - Motion- Executive committee be given all rights to align league and notify league minimum 1 week before fall meeting. 1BYU, 2NAU- unanimously approved.
 - Craig Morris, is new scheduling officer. Motion-Robinette, Second-NAU, unanimously approved.
 - Will continue new methods for travel/scheduling matrix etc.
 - Was overlooked this spring, but will be looked at over next few weeks
 - 10:37- New Teams?
 - Dixie in St. George- may look to join over the summer
 - Southern Utah is playing, but not a part of any league
 - UNLV, UCCS, Hope College, Albertson, Snow College, Idaho State- All potential teams to look at for future development.
 - 10:40- Fall Meeting Location
 - BYU is willing to host, plus maybe have a tournament the same weekend.
 - September 19th, 26th or October 3rd. BYU will look at schedule and get back to the league.
 - (Sat. September 26th, 2009-Provo. Added July 31st, 2009)
 - 10:42- MCLA summer meeting August 7,8,9- Atlanta, Georgia- Open meetings if you want to attend.
 - Potential topics- expand DII nationals from 12 to 16 teams
 - Emails to Tony Scizero, incoming president by DII teams could be beneficiary
 - Potentially coaches of the year could get a free ticket to summer meetings every year.
 - 10:46-Open Forum
 - RMLC contact- nominations and voting
 - When teams change contacts, must tell Dave Leach if you want those contacts online to reflect your changes.
 - National tournament suggestions
 - Volunteering for tournament- email John Robinette

- 10:55-Meeting Adjourned
 - Teams on Probation unless repealed in the fall: CSU, Utah State, Regis, Wyoming, and School of Mines.
 - Western State was already on probation and missed the meeting- Western State is not an RMLC team anymore.

9:10 Fall Minutes Approved Unanimously
Taking Minutes: Mike Stone, Secretary

Attendance:

CSU- Andy Flax

CU-John Galvin

UofUtah- Rich Levi

BYU-Pete Stevens

NAU- Troy Elliott

UNM- NOT PRESENT- On Probation

Mines-Brian Stone

REGIS- Curtis Robinson

Metro-Devon Minsihall

Fort-John Robinette, Pat Mcgrath

Wyo- NOT PRESENT- Still On Probation (Secondary steps?)

UVSC-Ryan Cantwell

Montana-Andy Casnic- Ben suder

UNC-Andrew Vance

Utah State- Matt Polityka

Western- NOT PRESENT- On Probation

Westminster- Mason Goodhand

Referee- Hank Friedman

9:17 Profit and Loss

- Lost John Randle as of June
- Looking for treasurer
 - RMLC \$40,000 in account, but before some final ref fees
 - Breakdown on handout
 - UNM still needs to settle payment
 - On time payments- get things rolling
- Utah lacrosse association- As of July 1st, The RMLC will no longer be under them.
 - RMLC is establishing their own 501c or 501d status
 - Details will follow
 - Treasurer will have checkbook essentially and RMLC will have their own means to pay and restrict pay
 - In the fall, stricter guidelines for ref assignment (on time and pre-paid)
 - Possible Treasurer- no candidates- be on the lookout
 - Being a non-profit organization is not the only possibility
 - But treasurer position even harder because of it
- Web/PR 9:32
 - New Logo
 - New Website launch
 - New Sweatshirts
 - New Blogs
 - New Content

Rocky Mountain Lacrosse Conference
Annual Spring Meeting
April 29th, 2006
Utah State University

Presiding RMLC Executive Members
President- John Robinette
Compliance Officer East- Joe Darnell
Treasurer- Mason Goodhand
Secretary- John Randle
Ref Assigner- Anton Schulski

Teams Represented

Brigham Young (BYU)
University of Colorado (CU)
Colorado School of Mines (Mines)
Colorado State University (CSU)
Colorado State University (CSU-P)
Fort Lewis College (FLC)
Montana State University (MSU)
University of Northern Colorado (UNC)
University Of Utah (Utah)
Utah State University (USU)
Utah Valley State University (UVSC)
Western State College (Western)
University of Wyoming (Wyoming)

Non-RMLC Teams Present
New Mexico

8:00 AM meeting commences with John Robinette

1) Fall Minutes were accepted after some clarification of the tiebreaker rules and home team game responsibilities (Will be finalized at the fall meeting).

2) Treasurers Report-Mason Goodhand

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Mason told everybody that the remaining ref fees of \$20,000.00 would be split evenly among all of the teams and that everyone will need to have their portion paid in two weeks. Mason explained that our conference would be in the red until this bill is paid. Mason went on to suggest some sort of penalty for those teams that have not paid within the two-week period. No decision on what sort of penalty would be imposed was made at this time. Mason suggested that next year we bill everybody \$3500.00 in fall meeting and then in January bill the A teams \$1500 and the B teams \$750.00. This matter will be further discussed through the summer and then presented at the fall meeting.

Probationary Appeals / Regis, Wyoming

Regis/ Matter was discussed and a vote was taken.

All teams voted to release.

Wyoming/ Matter was discussed and it was determined that instead of probation all ref fees shall be paid by Wyoming for their game against Montana.

Mason Goodhand made the motion

Montana seconded the motion.

Vote: BYU opposed /All others Yes. Motion approved.

Anton Schulski: Asked the conference to pay a fee for games that are moved to the next day due to weather and for any other unanticipated cause. John Robinette assured him that this would not be an issue. Anton also asked if we could enforce our policy that all teams have a non-playing coach. Anton stressed that having a player coach has been a significant problem for the refs in trying to manage a game. Verbal support was given.

Mason asked Anton if it would be possible for the refs to run numbers. Anton told him that it was possible but we would need to bring this up with US Lacrosse. The cost of the numbers is about \$5.00 per official.

John Robinette reminded everyone that all home games have to have medical personnel on hand and there are no exceptions. He told the membership that by not having such personnel it puts us all in a major liability situation. There was a

lot of talk about the level of expertise the trainers need to have. It was decided to table the issue and discuss this at the fall meeting to determine the level of training these individuals shall have.

John Robinette asked the membership if any team was planning on moving up from B to A. No team is planning on moving anywhere. However, Westminster has not decided if they will be an A or B team.

John Robinette asked if anybody wanted to host the 2007 Conference playoffs and the fall meeting September 23rd of 2006. John Galvin with CU said that they were interested in hosting both the fall meeting and playoffs at CU. UVSC also said they could host but they came to the meeting an hour late and the vote was already in progress.

Western State made the motion to have our meeting and playoffs at CU.

CSU-P seconded the motion.

Vote: UVSC opposed / All others Yes.

New Teams: John Robinette said that there are several schools that want to join such as Metro State and New Mexico. The only team present was New Mexico and John Westfall represented them. Westfall stated that they are ready to go and will be at our fall meeting with a check.

Proposed travel policy: John Robinette requested that everyone start thinking about this policy now and to become well informed on the pros and cons of our conference imposing travel restrictions on teams. He told us that he personally thinks that this issue is up to the schools as it could create liability issues for us down the road that we may not be able to endure. This issue will be up for discussion and a vote at the fall meeting.

Election of officers: Web Administrator position open. No one volunteered.

President- John Robinette

Compliance Officer East- Joe Darnell

Compliance Officer West- Jason Lamb

Treasurer- Mason Goodhand

Secretary- John Randle

John Robinette asked if anyone had any new business. There was no new business mentioned so the meeting was called to an end at 9:26 AM.

Rocky Mountain Lacrosse Conference
Spring Meeting
Date: April 30, 2004
Location: Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Executive Committee

President – John Robinette
V.P. East – Flip Naumburg
V.P. West – Mason Goodhand
Treasurer – Dave Leach – Not Present
Administrative Assistant – Nathan Daniels

- 9:00 AM Meeting Begins
- 9:00 AM Attendance Taken – All teams accounted for, some a bit late, no big deal this time???
- 9:15 AM Review of Minutes from Fall Meeting – John Robinette
Major Items
1. Committees
 - a. Structure needs to be reformed
 - b. Responsibilities need to be clarified
 2. Alignment Proposal
 - a. Should we re-address alignment at fall meeting??
- 9:25 AM Meetings Minutes Agreed Upon and Voted
1. Vote Results – Unanimous
- 9:30 AM Election of New Executive Committee members
1. Vote will take place at Fall Meeting
- 9:35 AM Financial Status Presentation
1. Treasurer was not present, no presentation
 2. Brief discussion on the importance of finances amongst the conference representatives
- 9:40 AM Officials Concerns Presented – Anton Schulzky
1. New Website Design to help scheduling
 2. Officiating Costs
 - a. Two Man Crew - \$135 per official
 - b. Three Man Crew - \$110 per official
 - i. Could change to \$125 per official
 3. National Travel Package
 - a. Should add \$50 per game

- i. Leadership needs to look at surplus and determine appropriate amount.
 - ii. Surplus money could be used for other things
- 1. Game monitoring
- 4. Sending Officials to USL-MDIA National Championship
 - a. RMLC sending two
 - i. Marty Salloto
 - ii. Dave M.???
- 5. Officiating Review Program
 - a. Getting new officials in remote locations big concern
 - b. Retention of officials needs to be addressed
 - c. Sportsmanship on the field is major complaint by officials
 - d. Coaches reports not being turned in, maybe 10 for the season.
- 6. Creation of Rules Interpreter and Chief Official
 - a. Chief Official - Terry Liden
 - b. Rules Interpreter – Not Specified
- 7. Cancellation Policy
 - a. Overall not a really big problem this season
 - b. Payment on canceled games needs to be clarified
 - c. Should teams be responsible for paying for officials for cancelled games????

9:50 AM

Bylaws and Constitution

- 1. Dave Hunt is heading up the creation of the bylaws and constitution for the RMLC
 - d. Difference between bylaws and constitution discussed
 - i. Permanence of the constitution stressed
 - ii. Bylaws are specific items that we will change from season to season
 - e. Draft was submitted for consideration
 - i. Any items that need to be addressed were directed to be sent to Dave Hunt for his consideration
 - ii. Deadline for submission was June 1, 2004
 - f. Finished constitution and bylaws will be voted on in Fall Meeting

10:00 AM

Probationary Teams

- 1. Teams on probation discussed
 - a. Mines, Montana State, Wyoming, UNC
 - b. All teams met requirements for the season and will be removed from probationary status after payment of the conference dues at the Fall meeting.

10:05 AM

Conference Alignment – Divisional Splits A&B

- 1. Jason Lamb suggests waiting for Summer meeting of USL-MDIA
- 2. This issue will be discussed at Fall meeting of RMLC

- 10:10 AM Growth Issues
1. Concerns over the growth of the RMLC discussed.
 - a. How many teams are too many?
 - b. Possible Expansion of RMLC
 - c. Universities Interested?
 - i. UNLV – Nate Lee 702.683.7698
 - ii. Westminster (SLC,UT) – Dave Long 801.2053.1320
 - iii. Idaho State – No contact available
 - iv. Albertson College – No contact available
 - v. Boise State should have contact for both schools
- 10:15 AM Back-Up Fields
1. Discussion on how to minimize weather cancellations.
 2. Perhaps we should develop policy on this matter in Fall. Could require Division A teams that want to host home game to have back-up facilities.
- 10:20 AM All-Stars & All-RMLC
1. Every team not in RMLC Championship or RMLC Shootout Championship will send 4 players.
 2. Should be 24 vs. 24, split on East vs. West
 3. Coaching will be done by committee of coaches not involved in either of the RMLC Championships.
 4. All-RMLC selection process needs to be addressed
 - a. Ballots and last-minute headache not effective way
 - b. Include a place on input of scores to tally other teams' best players. Make it a required field in order to input stats and game summary
 - c. All votes will be tallied by position and selection will be done that way
- 10:40 AM Fall Meeting
1. Dates selected – October 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
 2. Location – Greeley, Co????
 3. Discussion of the Fall Brawl brought up.
- 10:50 AM Meeting Adjourned



2004 RMLC SPRING MEETING AGENDA

April 30, 2004

1. Introduction of team representatives- fill out team contact sheets
2. Playoff schedule of events- Jason Lamb
3. Review Fall 2003 Meeting Minutes- Nate Daniels
4. Election of New officers, if any.
5. RMILL Financial Report- John or Dave Leach
6. Referee Issues- Anton Schulski
7. Conference Bylaws/Constitution- Dave Hunt
8. Probationary teams status for 2004/2005- Mines & CSU-Pueblo
9. League structure- Format for breakdown of Division A and B teams
10. Growth Issues (quantity & quality)
11. Discussion on how to handle weather postponed/canceled conference games
12. All League Selections vote, follow up
13. RMLC All Star Game
14. Vail Shootout, Four Corners Lacrosse Cup (Durango June 12,13)
15. Summer 2004 USL MDIA meetings in Seattle
16. USL MDIA Championships May 11-15, St Louis, MO
17. 2004 Fall Meeting and Tournament- Date, Locations?
18. 2005 RMILL Playoffs- Date, Locations?
19. Open forum for discussion on topics not discussed

- New Alumni communication stuff
- RMLC best conference website- great work- possibilities endless- MCLA fantasy teams in the future
- Thanks Dave
- 9:36 Probationary teams
 - Wyoming 08-09
 - No Montana state contest
 - Fall meeting discussion
 - Starting from the bottom- don't want to kick out outright- just warn so program doesn't fail/fold
 - Still looking at other teams
 - Snow, UCCS
- 9:40 Eligibility Rosters
 - New Mexico, Western State, Utah State still needed
 - First season in a while where no teams have an ineligible player
 - Still stressed- coaches need to make sure of 12 credits
- 9:46 Hank- Refs
 - Utah coaches- great with ref feedback
 - Need better response on arbiter system
 - Specifics are great for low ratings
 - Anton is the man to contact for website access- not Dave Leach
 - Three man crews were imposed on every game possible
 - RMLC sending four officials to MCLA tournament
 - Can teams blacklist an official who consistently is bad?
 - As of now- no.
 - Similar situations of wanting to blacklist refs in fall and spring
 - Geographical reasons and assigning issues lead to complications
 - Stigma towards younger coaches is a major problem
 - Differences between DI and DII as well- need consistency
 - DII gets less respect- working on it.
- 10:02 Trainers at games
 - Must have medical personnel or on probation
 - Trainer situation needs to improve
 - Coaches need to instigate
 - Severe injuries have and will happen
 - Need the right personnel
 - Pay or rent EMT's, etc. **NEED THE RIGHT PERSONNEL!**
 - Sometimes you need the insurance information for hospital visits- it is best to have a copy of the paperwork with you
 - Out of Conference issues need to be looked at too
 - MCLA bylaws coming out later this year
- 10:08 Fall Meeting next year- looking at Colorado location
 - Burden of playoffs
 - Team to team/year to year differences

- Exec Committee looking to take over playoffs- revenue generating event
 - Big parks- booster club involvement
 - SELC will be used as model
 - A few years from now- outlook for president, secretary, other positions that will need to be filled
 - Playoff formatting discussion- needs to take place in the fall
- 10:14 Fall meeting dates
 - September 27th possible-
 - **VOTE:** Proposed- **Golden CO, 8:30am Saturday, September 27th**
 - Approved- Details to follow
- 10:16 Possible teams for 09
 - UCCS and Snow College not looking good, but still there
- 10:17 University of Oregon wants to join RMLC
 - Teams decision for conference involvement
 - If Oregon wants to, we might have to take them unless the PNCLL makes a convincing argument
 - A possibility down the road or soon in fall
- Discussion on DI and DII reformatting- Will there be a DIII? Who wants to be DI? When will MCLA put out new rules? Who's responsible for reckless situations? Sunday night driving discussion- responsibility of school. General concerns for RMLC being so strong and still having required games against weak teams. DI teams playing DII schedules- not eligible for post season, not eligible for post season awards, not eligible for All-American- If MCLA restructures, RMLC most likely will undertake major restructuring.
 - MCLA meeting in August- details to follow- everyone welcome to the open meeting if you want to voice opinions
- 10:30 New Officer Elections-
 - Kurt Dzurman- VP of East stepping down- need new candidate
 - Matt Elsner- Scheduling officer
 - Jason Lamb- VP of West etc.
 - All positions available, but besides treasurer and VP of East, everyone interested in taking on another year
 - Dave Leach VP of East Candidate
 - **VOTE:** Unanimous decision- Dave Leach is VP of the East as well as Media
- 10:36 Open discussion
 - Video of final games will be available online- "sportsfilms" website
 - Good deal- try to help the fledgling company
 - Laxtube.com – full length games online
 - Selling, showing, advertising
 - New Sweatshirts- Promotion of new logo- \$30 range in the coming weeks

- Praise to Dave Leach- Works real hard on improving PR and conference as a whole
- “How to start a club manual” on rmlax.com
- Last call
- Meeting adjourned at 10:40